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# Office of Family Violence

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# **Special Topic-OFV Request for Proposals**

The OFV has been awarded a significant increase in funding for the purpose of providing services to victims of domestic violence for Fiscal Year 2015. The State Funding Plan, created by OFV, states that with the availability of new sustainable funding, 1/3 will be applied to a competitive grant process to help programs enhance services by addressing emerging trends and needs or to fund programs not currently funded through the VDSS Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Grant. This RFP will be released in early September. Through this solicitation, three initiatives will be offered as listed below:

- Funding for the establishment of new domestic violence services in un-served, or underserved communities by non-profit or government entities in Virginia who are not currently funded by the Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Grant.
- Funding for currently funded agencies to address emerging trends and needs by implementing new initiatives that will improve services provided to domestic violence victims.
- Funding for currently funded agencies for one-time expenses to enhance the agency's service provision, i.e., electronic devices for grant funded personnel, educational materials, shelter repairs, training, etc.

Funds will be awarded for a 6 month period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2015. The RFP will be emailed as well as posted on the OFV website.

Choices will hold a new fundraiser on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4PM called "Music in the Mountains. The event will be held at Once Upon a Mountain Bed & Breakfast in Luray, VA and features a retired National Symphony Cellist, a pianist and several vocalists. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact Karen Riddle at goriddle@hotmail.com or tickets can be purchased online at here.





# **Funding Opportunities**

## Wells Fargo Foundation

Deadline: Open

Funding for community-based nonprofit organizations across the country in support of conservation, energy efficiency, infrastructure, and educational outreach efforts.

#### The Nunnally Foundation

**Deadline:** December 31<sup>st</sup> The foundation primarily supports organizations located in the Greater Richmond area. Preference is given to programs related to healthcare, education, human services, religion, arts and culture.

# **Upcoming Training**

#### LGBTQ Access Series

This series covers inclusive, relevant services for LGBTQ people and survivors of all genders. There will be an emphasis on addressing recent LGBTQ related FVPSA assurances requirements and the OVW FAQ on the VAWA implementation.

#### August 12th 3-4:30

#### Name, Frame and Respond

How to respond to harassment in program services

#### August 26th 3-4:30

#### Nothing's Neutral

Feminist-Centered Programs Welcoming People of All Genders

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# Board Development- Building Trust through Transparency

Board Source and Guidestar have joined together to launch a new tool that aims to help organizations share information about its board of directors. In this article, the need for this new tool is explained

Boards — by definition — exist to preserve and protect the public's trust. They have both a legal and an ethical responsibility to ensure that there is meaningful oversight of their organization's operations and finances. They guarantee that the chief executive is held accountable to an independent body of individuals who protect and serve the organization's mission and — by doing so — safeguard the public's trust in the organization. All too often, though, basic information about nonprofit boards is hidden from view. Left with no way to tell which organizations are following clearly established governance best practices, the public is left in the dark and organizations are subject to speculation and skepticism.

The tool contains questions about board orientation and education, executive director oversight, ethics, board composition, and performance, which are all key elements of strong oversight and accountability. This information is visible to the public in a new section of the GuideStar profile focused on "People and Governance," creating transparency around what has often been hidden from the public's view.

Would your board members be willing to create a profile with this new tool? If not, why do you think that might be?

# **Grant FAQ**

# When will workbooks for FY15 be provided and will there be anything different I need to do to submit my first invoice?

We are currently reviewing your FY 15 modified budgets. Once your budget has been approved, your FY15 invoice workbook will sent to you. The due date for monthly invoices is August 15th and October 15th for quarterly invoices. FY15 workbooks will have no major changes from FY14.

Once you have received the FY15 workbook, please save it to your computer and do not make duplicate copies of it as that can result in incorrect balances.

# **Upcoming Training**

# August 11th 10-12 Pacific

# **Doing Different with Less**

In this two hour webinar, participants will explore three useful tools to enhance organizational planning and execution in fiscally challenging times: organizational eco-cycle; collective impact framework; and the Top 100 Partners tool.

# August 13, 1-2PM

# Introduction to the Connection Between Animal Abuse and Interpersonal Violence

Research shows a strong link between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence. Learn more about the connection and how it is applicable to work in humane education.

## August 20th 1-2:30

# Children Grow in the Context of their Relationships: Stress, Resilience and Principles of Child Development

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar in a 10- part webinar series provided by the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health. The series builds on a core curriculum, Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, written by Patricia Van Horn, PhD, and will offer practical tools, tips, and discussion guides for creating trauma-informed child and family-centered programming.

# August 26th 2-3:30

# <u>Safety Planning for Survivors with</u> <u>Disabilities</u>

Details to be announced soon.

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#### **Elder Justice Roadmap**

National Center on Elder Abuse is delighted to join elder justice advocates across the county in announcing the release of the Elder Justice Roadmap. The Roadmap provides a detailed, practical guide for teams, communities, states and national entities. It is a strategic planning resource by the field for the field to foster coordinated approaches to reduce elder abuse, neglect and exploitation -- a problem with solutions. This unprecedented effort gathered input from public and private entities, experts from across the United States, and hundreds of people who address elder abuse and have a role to play in detecting and preventing it. The Report can be accessed here.

# **Analysis of Recent Mass Shootings**

<u>Analysis of Recent Mass Shootings</u> based on FBI Supplementary Homicide Reports and media coverage of recent mass shootings finds that the majority of mass shootings are domestic violence homicides perpetrated by men and the majority of victims are women and girls.

### Detained or Deported: What about my children?

The Women's Refugee Commission is pleased to announce the release of its groundbreaking new publication, <u>Detained or Deported: What about my children? What to do if you can't be with them.</u> (<u>Detenido o deportado: 2Qué sucede con mis hijos? Qué sucede si usted no puede estar con ellos.</u>) This toolkit is designed to help immigrant parents keep their families together. It is the first-ever comprehensive, nationwide resource to help families who are caught between the immigration and child welfare systems.

#### DV and HIV/ AIDS Toolkit

This toolkit, developed by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, aims to provide domestic violence and HIV/AIDS service providers with access to information and resources to enhance services to persons exposed to HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. The information provided addresses frequently asked questions, common challenges, best practices, and in both the DV & HIV/AIDS fields. Several resources support building collaborative partnership and cross training efforts between the domestic violence and HIV/AIDS fields to enhance services for domestic violence survivors who may be at risk for or living with HIV/AIDS.

## **Moving Beyond Our Story**

Many of us in the domestic violence field are also survivors. We use our stories to help others who are in crisis and in the process of identifying as survivors. However, it can be difficult to move beyond identifying primarily as a survivor, especially when immersed in this work on a day-to-day/ crisis-to-crisis basis. In this article, questions to ask ourselves about our story could include:

- How do I make sense of what happened to me?
- What did I learn about myself in surviving this violence?
- How did my survival prove that I am powerful, resilient, and whole?

Exploring these questions can bring up a lot of unresolved emotions, as well as painful memories, but can also be a powerful part of the healing process. Making meaning of our own survival is a way to create the space for real healing- mind, body and spirit. Once ready, some additional questions to explore include:

- What's next for me?
- What do I deeply desire from this life?
- How will I share my survival story in service of ending violence against women?

sujin lee says readiness is key in this examination of our story. If you feel your story is in need of updating, be gentle with yourself. Do not push too hard if you do not feel safe. On the other hand, know when you are ready and dive in.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." Dr. Maya Angelou



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